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### Livestock and Products

## New Legislation for Hog Slaughter 2004

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**Report Highlights:**

The Slovenian Ministry of Agriculture issued a new Regulation on the Registration and Identification of Hogs, a mandatory requirement for all EU acceding countries. This measure, combined with the upcoming removal of market protections, will most likely result in further consolidation in the hog sector.

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The Slovenian Ministry of Agriculture issued a new Regulation on the Registration and Identification of Hogs. According to this regulation every farm that raises hogs, as well as the swine from that farm must be registered. The swine will have one farm registration number. This measure is the beginning of a future hog traceability system. The regulation is a must for Slovenia if they want to sell their pigs on the European Union market. It is expected that the Ministry will issue a regulation on pork traceability as well.

Slovenian farmers customarily slaughter their hogs on the farm and not in a slaughterhouse, and this new regulation allows home slaughter only for home production. Meat that will be sold on the market has to originate from animals that were slaughtered in a slaughterhouse. This could be a problem for smaller farmers that sell pork and products on a small scale. This measure, combined with the upcoming removal of market protections, will most likely result in further consolidation of the hog sector. However, the level of Slovenian self-sufficiency in pork production will probably stay on the level of 70 percent.

At this moment Slovenia has 38,000 farms that are listed as hog farms, and the Ministry of Agriculture thinks that this number represents between 70 – 90 percent of all hog farms. In June 2003 Slovenia had a total 607,881 pigs, which was only 0.98 percent more than in June 2000.